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Hoosiers Will Honor Cecil Harden Today

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More than 400 persons from throughout Indiana and the nation are expected to gather in Covington Friday evening for a dinner honoring former Indiana Congresswoman Cecil M. Harden.

The 6:30 p.m. dinner will be held in the Covington High School dining room with special remarks planned by many of Mrs. Harden's friends.

Friday has been declared "Cecil Harden Day" in Covington by Mayor Don Youngblood, adding to the bipartisan nature of the tribute.

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Former Congressman Charles Halleck, who was Republican leader of the House of Representatives and Dean of the Indiana Congressional delegation, will head the list of friends paying tribute to Mrs. Harden's 40 years of service to her community, state and nation.

The former congresswoman's political career spanned four decades beginning in 1932 and included five terms as congresswoman from the old Sixth District.

U.S. Rep. John Myers, a Republican also from Covington said the people of the town wanted to say "thank you to a great lady."

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"Mrs. Harden has served her country, her state and her hometown with distinction and devotion," Myers said. "We wanted to show our gratitude by making this a very special occasion for her. I know she will be proud to have so many of her friends share this moment with her."

Mrs. Harden was born in Covington, attended Indiana University and taught school in Fountain County. She first entered politics in 1932 when she was appointed precinct vice committeeman.

She served as vice chairman of the Fountain County Republican Central Committee and the Sixth Congressional District from 1938 to 1950. She was na-

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ional committeewoman for Indiana from 1944 to 1959 and was elected five times as Sixth District congresswoman between 1949 and 1959.

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Mrs. Harden was special assistant to the Postmaster General from 1959 to 1961 and in 1964 was re-elected National Committeewoman for Indiana, a post she held until her retirement last summer.

The former congresswoman also was delegate-at-large to the Republican National Conventions in 1948, 1952, 1956, 1968 and 1972 and was appointed by President Nixon to serve on the National Advisory Committee for the White House Conference on Aging.

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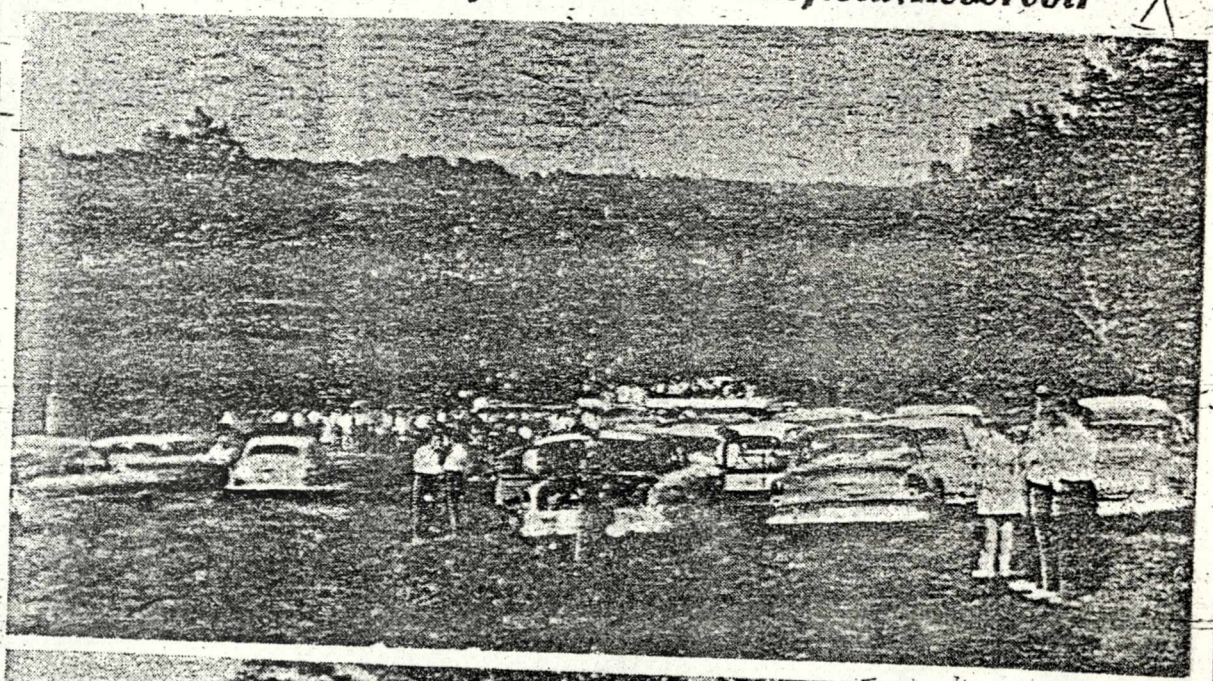

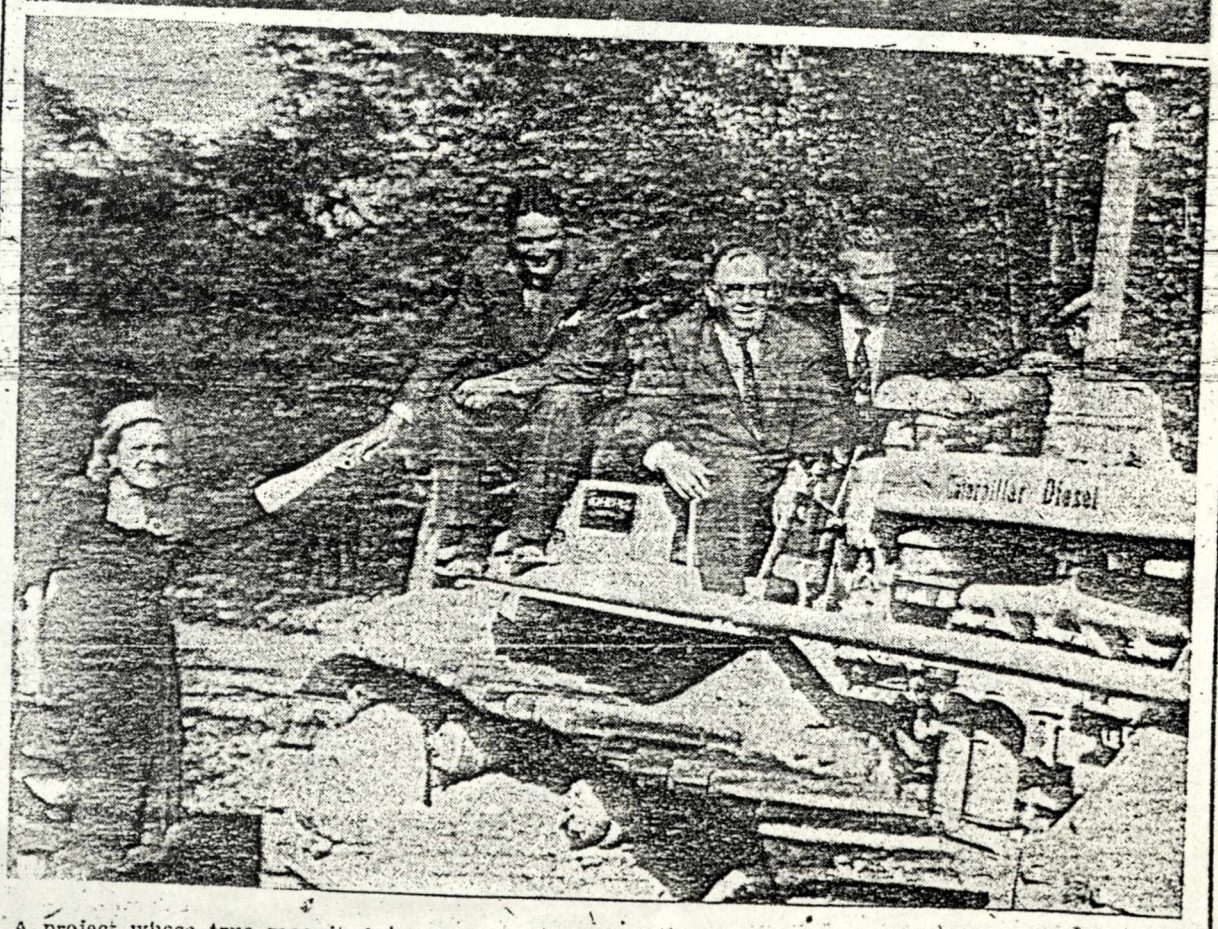

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A project whose true magnitude will develop gradually over the next few years was launched last Friday in Parke county.

It was the Mansfield dam and reservoir on Big Raccoon creek.

Attending the formal ceremony were government officials from national, state and local levels, military representatives and local area interested people. There were probably about 700 of the latter group attending the ground-breaking ceremony which was held on a hillside at the site of the earthen dam which is yet to be constructed.

This project, which will require about three years for completion will without doubt have the greatest economic impact upon this immediate area of any single project ever undertaken in Parke county.

Aside from the immediate economic effects which will show up in construction work payrolls, there will also be a continuing beneficial economy resulting from increased tourist traffic as visitors come into the area for recreational purposes. If the lake area follows the pattern of development of other such areas, new residential and commercial buildings will be erected, and the county and township will benefit far more tax wise than they did from the land which will be flooded. It has already been reliably reported that the lake area.

As was pointed out in the principal ceremonial speech by Col. John L. Person, Washington, D. C., acting assistant chief of engineers, U. S. Army, the Mansfield project is but one of many such projects contemplated in the vast Ohio River flood control program. This program, launched in 1938, tho frequently labelled as "pork barrel" projects, has actually returned thus far $2 in savings for each dollar of costs.

In the other talks given by various officials, tribute was paid to Congresswoman Cecil Harden and to Senator Homer Capehart for their official efforts in behalf of the reservoir project.

During the ceremony, a boquet of flowers was presented to Mrs Harden by Louis Leverenz of Montezuma on behalf of the two labor unions, the Common Laborers and Hod Carriers local 1388 and the Carpenters local 576, which will have labor jurisdiction on the reservoir project.

Robert Kellum, secretary of the Indiana Flood Control and Water Resources Commission, presided during the ceremonies and introduced speakers including Gov. George Craig, Mrs. Harden, Senator Capehart, Anton S. Hulman of Terre Haute, the Commission Chairman, Lawrence Bradburn, president of the Rockville Commercial club and Walter Wimmer, Parke county farm operator.

Mr. Bradburn mentioned in his remarks the value of the lake project to the county and the surrounding communities in their efforts to attract new industry, citing the improved recreational facilities as being a big factor. Mr. Wimmer pointed out that improved crop production in the Cagle Mill-Cataract area should be considered as a benefit which greatly offset the loss of farm lands in that area, and that a similar situation should exist in Parke county. He further mentioned the loss from flooding which periodically occurs in the Raccoon valley, a circumstance which should not occur again once the waters of the Raccoon are impounded behind a dam.

At the conclusion of the formal speeches, Gen. Ralph Stearley, USAF (retired) of Brazil introduced a resolution requesting that the new lake be named in honor of Gov. George N. Craig. This resolution will be presented to the Commission for consideration.

Following this portion of the program, Gov. Craig, Senator Capehart, Col Pearson and Mr. Hulman climbed atop a bulldozer and drove the machine a few feet in an official ground-breaking performance. Actually, work on the construction of the dam had already started earlier in the valley by the King Bros. Construction Co. of Danville.

Prior to the ceremony, about 100 persons attended an invitational luncheon held in the Elk's club in Brazil. Following the luncheon, these people journeyed by motor caravan from Brazil to the ground-breaking ceremonial site northwest of Ferndale.

Attending the luncheon from Parke county were Mr. Wimmer, Mr. Bradburn, Paul Branson, Richard Smith, R. E. Dooley, Rufus Hartman, Dan Machin and Max Harvey. The Rockville high school band provided a half-hour of musical entertainment preceding the ceremony.

ANNIVERSARY SALE

Goodman-Deilekamp's 6th anniversary sale will begin this Thursday and continue the balance of the month with a sale of outstanding values. Complete details of the sale can be seen in a full-page advertisement on page 8.

ANNUAL SUPPER

The E.U.B. church and Sand Creek will hold their annual Hallowe'en supper and masquerade party at the Coon Hunters lodge, Friday, Oct. 19. Serving will begin at 5:30 and the public is invited.

HEALTH COUNCIL

The Parke County Health Council will meet Monday, Oct. 15, at 7:30 in the REMC building.

The program for the evening is to be given by Dr. Virginia B. White of the Department of Foods and Nutrition at Purdue. She is a delightful and entertaining speaker. Everyone should plan to

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Parke County Farm Bureau will be held Saturday evening at the Coon Hunters Lodge. A picnic supper will be served at 6:30 DST.

All Farm Bureau members are urged to attend.

INDUCTED INTO ARMY

Warren Dean Adams, son of Mrs. J. A. Adams of Montezuma and Robert Earl Hubbard, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Hubbard of Mecca were inducted into the Army, Thursday, Oct. 4.

NATURE CLUB

The October Nature club meeting will be held Tuesday, Oct. 30, at 7:30 at the Library. Lafayette Funk of Bloomington will be the guest speaker.

FALL FESTIVAL

Rosedale high school Seniors are sponsoring a Fall Festival, Friday evening, October 12, in the new Florida Township school. A

AGED BRIDGETON MAN, JOHN C. BELT, DIES

John C. Belt of Bridgeton, age 86, passed away at 11:00 o'clock Tuesday morning, Oct. 9, at the Allen nursing home in Montezuma.

He was a member of the Friendly Grove Baptist church.

Surviving are two sons, Walter of Bloomingdale r. r. 1, and George of Farmersburg; a daughtr, Mrs. Mary Fisher of Terre Haute; two sisters, Mrs. Jennie Peffley of Indianapolis and Mrs. Cora Hartman of Bridgeton; eight grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

The body was taken to the Branson funeral home where funeral services are being held today (Thursday), Rev. V. E. Squibb will officiate and burial will be in Clear Run cemetery at Bridgeton.

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The Rain or Shine club will meet Wednesday, Oct. 17, for an

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Commercial Club Will Hear Talk

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Free Golf Clinic And Picnic Planned

Parke county women who are interested in playing golf with the Parke County Women's Golf association are asked to attend a free clinic at the golf course next Wednesday morning, June 15, at 9:00, or that evening at 6:00 p. m.

Ernie Whitesell, who is serving as pro for the local club, will conduct the free clinic and he is giving lessons by appointment.

Women planning to attend the clinic are asked to take their own clubs and balls and report at the brick barn in the rear of the county home.

Also, plans are announced for a picnic to be held at the golf course at 6:30 o'clock Sunday evening, June 12, and all persons in Parke county who are interested in golf are invited to attend. Please take own service and food.

MRS. NELLIE McBRIDE DIES AT RESIDENCE

Mrs. Nellie McBride, age 76, passed away at 2:20 o'clock Sunday morning at her residence.

Born in Parke county on Sept. 11, 1883, she was a daughter of James and Minerva Porter McCutchan. She was a member of the Rockville Christian church.

Survivors include four daughters, Mrs. Susie Dilworth of Judson, Mrs. Minerva Funk of Rockville, Mrs. Jessie Hollis of San Gabriel, Calif., and Mrs. Evelyn Ritzenthaler of Plymouth, and seven grandchildren.

The body was taken to the Barnes Mortuary where funeral services were conducted at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. The Rev. Donald Gee officiated and interment was in Mt. Moriah cemetery.

LADIES LUNCHEON AT TURKEY RUN TUESDAY

The Parke County Scottish Rite will hold a [illegible] luncheon at Turkey Run Inn Tuesday, June [illegible] from 1:00 p. m. [illegible] ladies of all Scottish Rite members are invited and are asked to call LO 9-3[illegible] for reservations. Dave Heath of WTHI-TV will be guest speaker.

ANNUAL PICNIC

The annual picnic of the Farmers Union will be held at 6:30 o'clock [illegible] June 16, at Sycamore Lake park [illegible] will be hostesses.

Mr. and Mrs. [illegible] from Speedway City [illegible] directors of the [illegible] and Mrs. Ted Mau [illegible]

Dedication Services Held at Mansfield Reservoir

Before a crowd of nearly 1,000 spectators, the Mansfield Dam and Reservoir was officially dedicated last Monday afternoon.

Indiana Governor Harold Handley led a group of prominent dignataries in the dedication ceremonies. Sharing the speaker's platform with Handley were Anton Hulman, Jr., chairman Indiana Flood Control and Water Resources Commission and Congressman Fred Wampler, both of Terre Haute; Congressman Michael J. Kirwan, Ohio, Cecil Harden, assistant to the Postmaster General, Covington; Col. Chester L. Landaker and Major Bailey H. Hagar, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers and Mrs. Chauncey Baldwin, Montezuma, Wabash Valley Association. Lawrence Bradburn spoke in behalf of the Rockville Chamber of Commerce.

Following a noon luncheon at Turkey Run Inn, provided by the Parke County R. E. M. C., the 125 invited guests joined the hundreds who had gathered at the dam site for the ceremonies.

Col. Landaker and Major Hagar pointed out that the $6,300.00 project will provide positive protection to 6,500 acres of fertile farm lands in the Raccoon Creek Valley. They said the permanent pool is set at an elevation of 640 feet with a surface of 1,100 acres. Total capacity is 16,185 acre-feet.

The reservoir will be maintained at or near permanent pool level during the winter months and at seasonal pool level during the summer months except when water is stored for flood control. A total of 208 square miles of drainage area is located above the dam which has an elevation of 712 feet.

Inundation of the pool area is expected to start this fall upon completion of the new bridge on U. S. 36, located north of the present route.

Music for the occasion was furnished by the Rockville high school band, under the direction of James Peck.

Legion Sponsoring Street Fair Here

Under the sponsorship of Fellenz Post, American Legion, a street fair will be held on the south side of the Rockville square from June 13 to June 18, inclusive. The Stafford shows will be featured.

Saturday, June 18, will be "Kiddie Day," with all rides at a reduced price from 1:00 until 5:00 p. m.

WHEAT PRICE SUPPORT

The basic minimum county price support rate for Grade No. 1 wheat in Parke county will be $1.82 per bushel.

BRIDGETON BIBLE SCHOOL TO CLOSE

The joint vacation Bible school conducted by the two Bridgeton churches will close with a program at the Methodist church Sunday night, beginning at 8 o'clock.

The school has been very successful, with over 60 children enrolled.

Each class will have a part in the program and everyone is welcome to attend.

First Swim Meet To Be Held June 13

Richard Dugdale, general chairman, has announced that the date for the first annual Parke county swim meet has been set for [illegible]

Private Swimming Lessons For Children

Private swimming lessons for children of all ages will start in the Parke County Swimming Pool, Monday, June 13. Children are asked to report at the pool at 10:00 o'clock with a doctor's certificate and consent of a parent. There will be a small charge for special attention.

The lessons will start promptly and competent instructors will be on hand. Another class may be available in August if enough are interested. Additional information may be had by calling LO 9-5405 or LO 9-6227.

A swim class for adults will also start Monday with a session from 5:00 to 6:00. These are for those who are work[illegible]

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Jiggin' For Silvers

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by Larry Colombo

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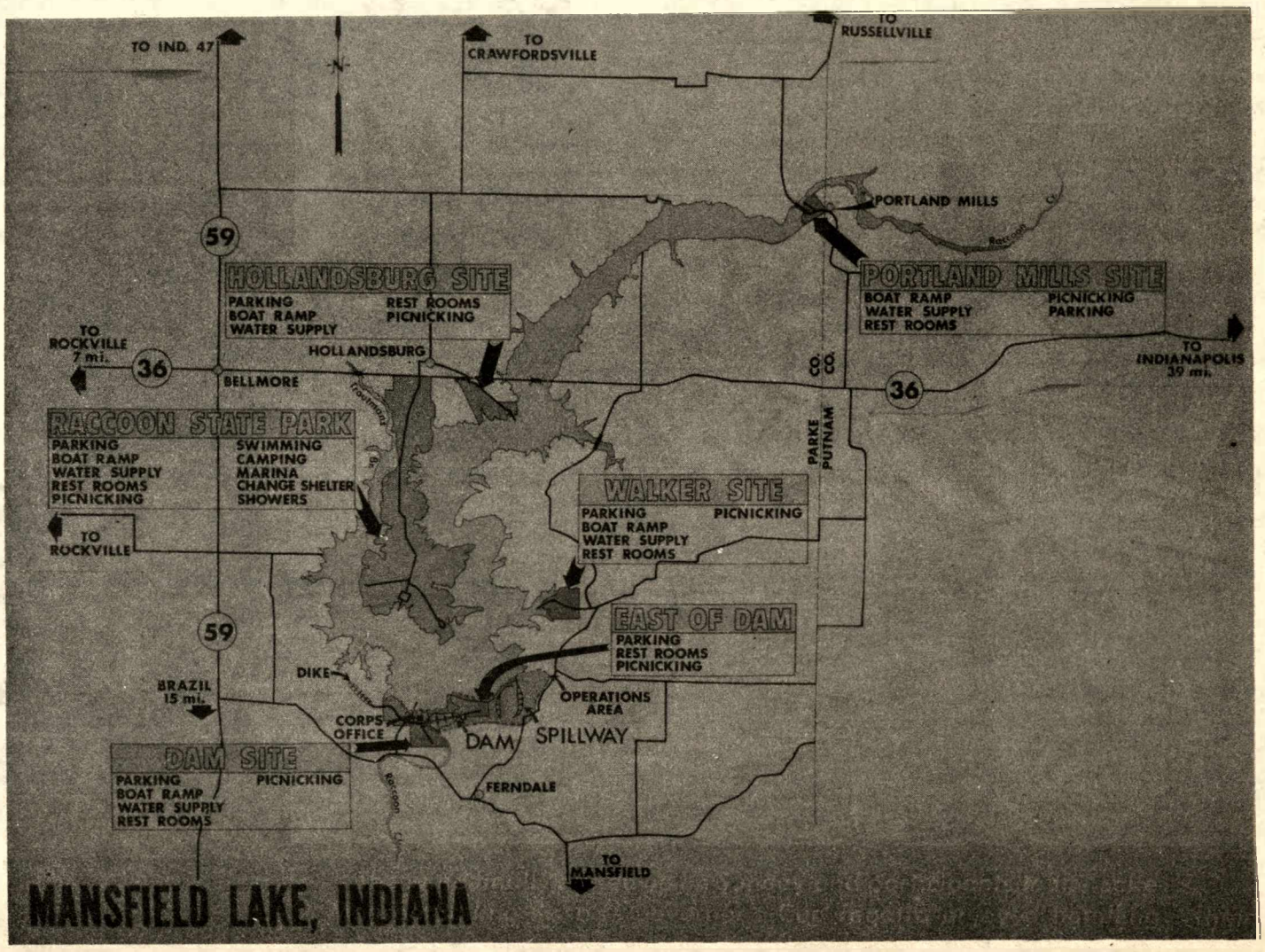

Mansfield or Raccoon Lake in Parke County is fast becoming one of the state's top silver bass producers.

If you're a Wabash Valley resident who enjoys water sports, chances are you have heard of, or visited Raccoon Lake.

Most Valley anglers have thrown a bait into its waters, but for those of you who haven't been to the Parke County reservoir, I would like to acquaint you with a new breed of sport fish that has suddenly become the number one attraction there. The "Roccus chrysops", better known as the silver bass, is the name of this sport fish.

The silver bass, often referred to as white bass or striped bass, found its way into Raccoon via the Indiana Department of Natural Resources in 1968. During that year over 10,000 adult silvers ranging from ten to 14 inches long were stocked to hopefully curb the ever-increasing population of gizzard shad which had made the lake their home. Raccoon Lake had received no preimpoundment eradication of rough fish prior to stocking of game fish, so as a result there was a healthy population of undesirables from almost day one. The release of silver bass was made to serve a two-fold purpose. Provide a preditor fish for shad control, and angling thrills to fishermen visiting the reservoir. So far both plans seem to be working. Raccoon has suddenly become the silver bass "hotspot" of Indiana.

The silver bass is a creature of habit. Once a fisherman learns its pattern he can successfully employ one of several methods of catching him.

The silver makes a spawning run up Raccoon Creek in May. Anglers have learned they can fill their limits by following this pattern up the creek. Artificial spinners such as mepps, rooster tails and shysters are excellent baits for this time of year.

After completing this spawning cycle, the silvers return to the lake where they spend the summer in large schools, feeding voraciously upon the abundant shad minnows. During these months an angler must be either lucky enough to accidently run on to the feeding schools of silvers or else be skillful enough to find the fish wherever they are feeding.

While there are several good methods for taking silvers, the three most effective methods are trolling, casting and jigging with artificial bait. Each one of these methods have worked for me on different occasions.

I learn more about the silvers each trip I make to Raccoon. The silvers are a scrappy game fish and a delight to catch on light action spinning tackle.

Jigging For Silvers

If I were to single out my favorite method for catching silver bass it would be the jigging method which works best when a school of fish are located in

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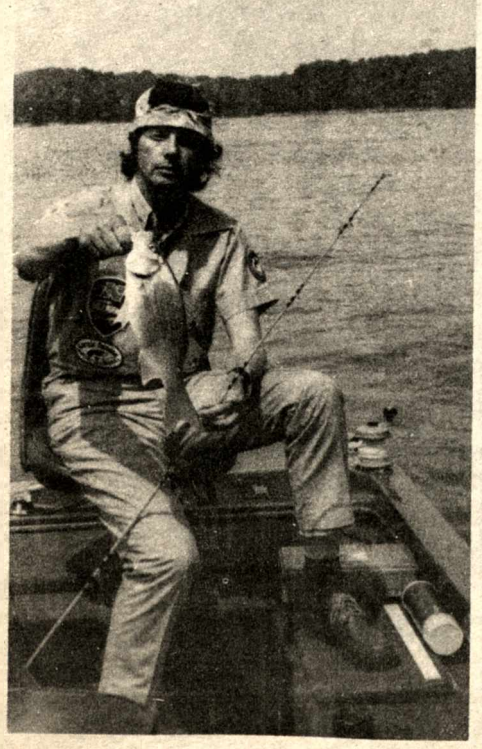
relatively deep water. The Little George tailspin seems to be the most effective bait for jigging silvers. The bait is heavy and will sink to the bottom rapidly. Once it reaches the bottom, simply lift the rod tip in successive motions so as to allow the bait to resemble a crippled shad minnow fluttering up and down. The fish will generally hit the bait a few inches off the bottom while it is falling.

There are two very helpful pieces of equipment which will aid in catching silvers by the jigging method. One is a good fish locator and the other is a set of markers such as the Lowrance Fish-N-Floats.

Once a school of fish are marked on the locator, simply drop a floating marker over the side and concentrate your fishing efforts around the marker.

The second weekend of May I took my wife, Barb, and our friend Priscilla "Gus" Costello, to Raccoon Lake to fish for silvers. We launched at the main ramp and motored around to the old 36 roadbed near the Hollandsburg landing. The first thing I did was to "run" the roadbed with my fish locator to determine if there was any activity in this area. About two-thirds of the way across the lake, near the area of the old bridge, I found a school of silvers. The water was 24 feet deep on top of the roadbed and the fish were suspended from the bottom up to about 15 feet deep. They showed up very plainly on the dial of the locator. I dropped a marker at this spot and we began jigging Little Georges around the marker. In less than 30 minutes we had caught a dozen beautiful, scrappy silvers. "Gus" took one which weighed 1¾ pounds. This was the largest of the day's catch. We took these fish right off the bottom, and believe me in 20 feet of water these fish really put up quite a battle, especially on ultra-light tackle.



Mac Costello holds a silver which was taken by the trolling method. This fish was caught this June.

Trolling For Silvers

Look over Raccoon Lake on any summer day and you will see countless boats with outboards idled down, trolling for silvers. Overall it is the most popular and undoubtedly the most productive method for taking silvers. Many resident fishermen troll from pontoon boats. As many as four or five anglers can fish at once from this type of craft.

One of the main reasons for the effectiveness of trolling is more area can be covered in a shorter period of time. Once you discover an area where the silvers are active, it becomes a case of merely trolling back and forth over this area. Here again, the use of floating markers can be valuable.

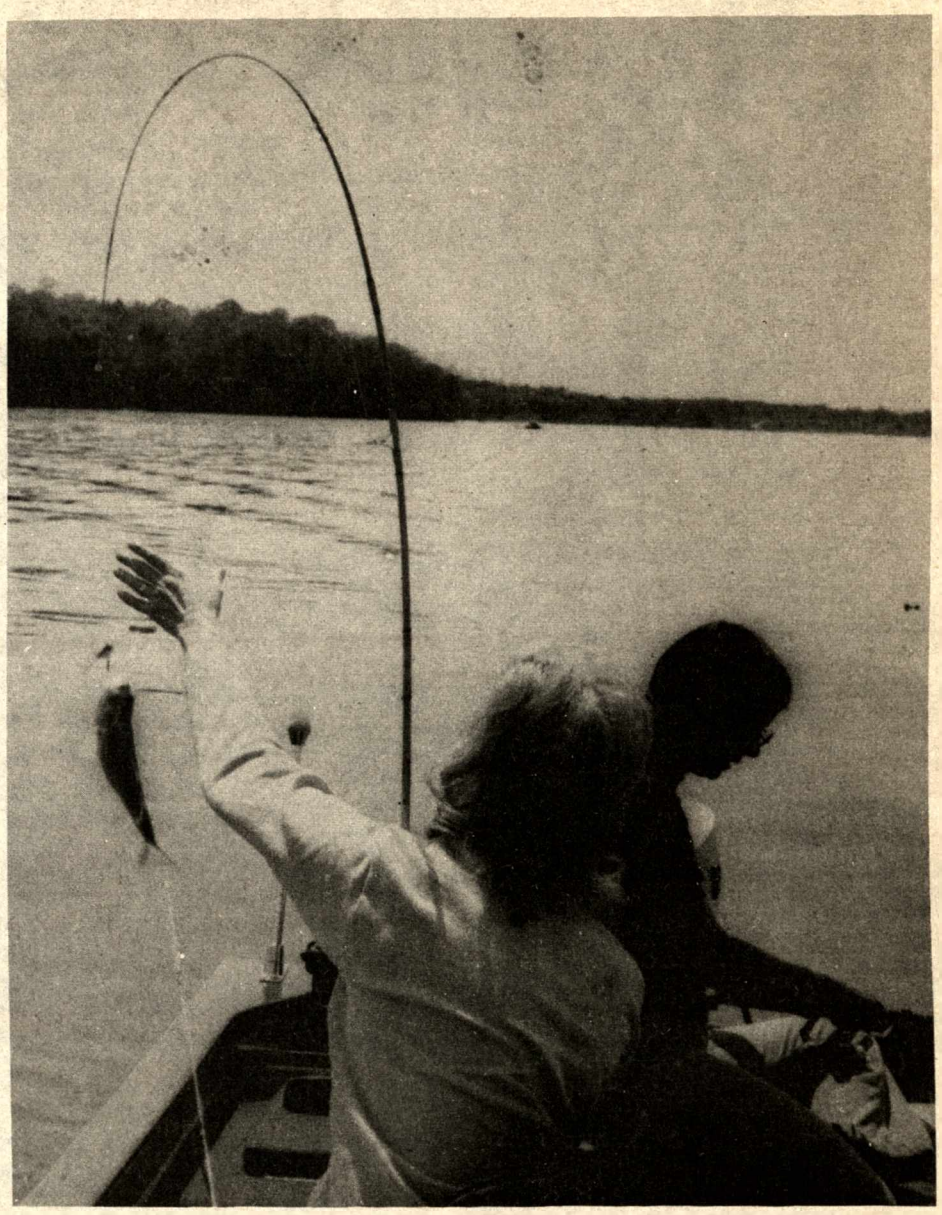
A long, limber spinning or spincasting rod is best for fishing silver bass. I would recommend at least a six and a half to seven foot rod with a light action tip. Bait action is better observed with this type of pole.

Since trolling must be done at a very slow speed, the smaller horsepower outboards are best. If you use a larger motor, then it should be idled down to its lowest speed. Run the bait behind the boat about 150 feet. Here is where the action of your lure is important.

There are several good lures for catching silvers by the trolling method. If the fish are running shallow, a silver mepp's comet with a minnow, a rapala, a jointed minnow or a quarterback are effective. If the fish tend to be feeding a little deeper, then I recommend a small bomber, hellbender, small bayou boogie, sparkletail or little scooper. Best colors will be white, grey or shad colored or yellow. Remember the natural forage fish of the silver bass is the shad, and a fisherman can seldom go wrong if he matches his bait color to the shad.

When trolling a mepps spinner, I like to run a half to one ounce lead keel about two feet in front of the bait. It helps keep it down plus illiminated a lot of line twist.

Some of the best areas I have found for catching silvers by the trolling method are in front of the Walker Boat Ramp, along the Hollandsburg landing near the old 36 roadbed, directly across from the main boat ramp at Raccoon Park and along the west bank, just above the U. S. 36 bridge. These areas always seem to produce silvers.



Barbara Colombo lands a silver bass on a Little George spinner near the Hollandsburg landing.

Casting For Silvers

This can be, beyond a doubt, the most exciting method for catching silver bass. Casting is usually most effective when the fish are "breaking" or feeding on the surface. Usually sometime during the day, somewhere on the lake, the silvers rise to the surface to feed on the schools of tiny shad minnows. If a fisherman is lucky enough to be in the area of the breaking fish he is in for a real angling treat.

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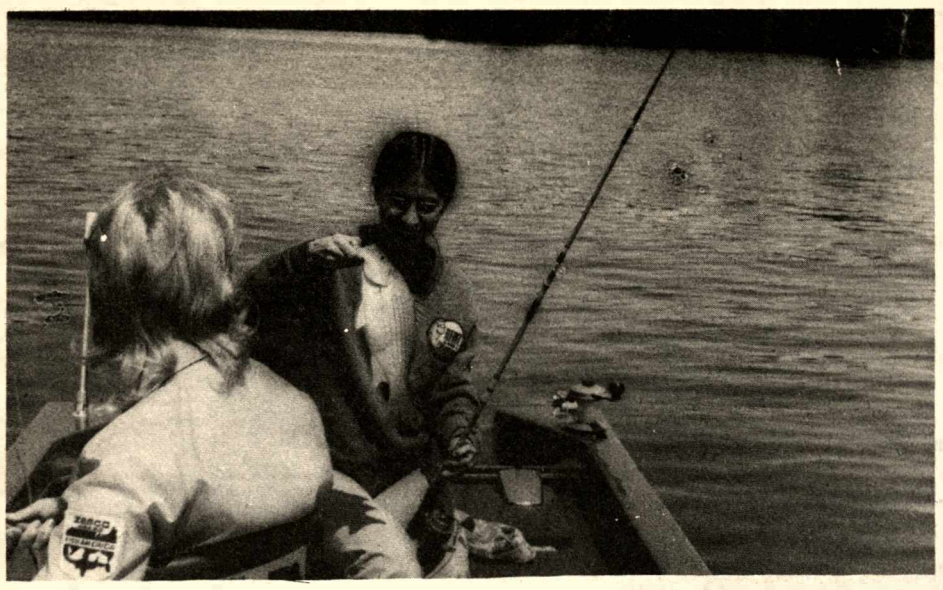

"Gus" Costello gleems at a silver bass she caught in early May. This fish was jigged off the bottom of Raccoon Lake in 24 feet of water.

good bait, as is the mepps minnow, a white marabou jig, a rapala, quarterback or small threadfin shad. Silver or white will still be the best colors.

Fishermen can expect a very productive year for silver bass at Raccoon Lake this year. While the fishing will be good most of the summer months, the silver bass tend to really turn on during August, September and October. This year's hatch of shad minnows will be excellent forage size by this time and the silvers will really be packing them away.

If you have never enjoyed the thrill of silver bass fishing, then I would say, "do yourself a favor," and take a trip to Raccoon this summer.

These canoeists finish the last leg of their race and bear down to cross the finish line first, or at least fifth.

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Hambletonian Winners Likely Runners At Fair Trotting Classic

Colonial Charm, Arniehurst, and Blitzen, top three candidates to win the 1973 Hambletonian Trotting Classic, are likely to be in action during the Indiana State Fair's three-day, four session meeting Aug. 23-25.

Two of them, Arnie Almahurst and Blitzen, are nominated for the $30,000 Horseman Futurity, which will be the opening-day feature of the combined Grand Circuit and Indiana Meeting. The Futurity will be contested Aug. 23, only six days prior to the 48th Hambletonian Wednesday, Aug. 29, at DuQuoin, Ill. The Indianapolis event will be the last test for colts and fillies who will battle it out in the rich and prestigous Hambletonian.

The three trotters topped the United State's Trotting Assn.'s annual pre-season experimental ratings. Castleton Farm's Colonial Charm, whose 2:00 2/5 at DuQuoin was the fastest mile by a two-year-old trotter of either *sex last year, is the first filly ever to top the experimental list.*

Indianapolis will seem like home to the three trotting stars. All raced at the lightening-fast Hoosier mile track last year.

Blitzen, trained and driven by Sonny Graham for the stable of Hoosier-Born K. D. Owen, won the Horseman Stake for two-year-old trotters at the Indiana State Fair in 1972 with Arnie Almahurst, handled by Greenville, O., reinsman Gene Riegle, finishing second and seventh in the same race.

Colonial Charm, who won the Hoosier Futurity two-year-old filly trot at Indianapolis with Glen Garnsey in the cart, will be a starter in the three-year-old filly trot of the Indiana State Fair's brand-new Pride of Indiana colt series.

Harness racing at Indianapolis will include afternoon and evening sessions Aug. 23, with afternoon programs scheduled for Aug. 24 and 25.

Heading the final program Aug. 25 are the rich Fox Stake for two-year-old pacers, purse which may reach $80,000 this year, and the Single G Free-For-All Pace, which was made a stake event for the first time this year. The Single *G drew 33 nominations and possible starters include the cream of the Nation's pacing crop, including Ricci Reenie Time* who won the Fox Stake last year and went on to become a world record holder.

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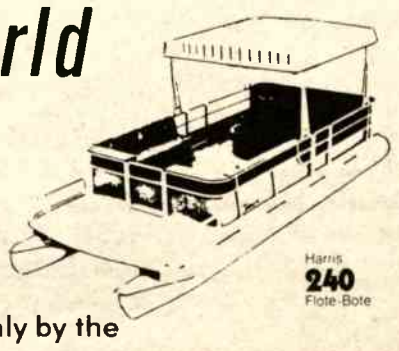

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Furore Rocks 'Harden' Lake

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ROCKVILLE, Ind. — Confusion and furore reign supreme over this community's Cecil Harden Lake, Mansfield Lake or Raccoon Lake.

The confusion is expected to set in this summer after Congress and the president signed a bill to officially designate the popular recreation spot as the Cecil M. Harden Lake. Why the confusion?

The name adds confusion since the new name is a federal designation, taking the place of Mansfield Dam, a name given the facility by the Corps of Engineers. However, the state's Department of Natural Resources controls the park and has designated it Raccoon Lake State Park.

The move to rename the area first came in 1973 at an observance of Cecil M. Harden Day in Fountain County. During the program Rep. John Myers announced that a bill to rename the Parke County site for Mrs. Harden had been introduced in the House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate, sponsored jointly by all Indiana congressmen.

Mrs. Harden was in politics for 40 years, ten of which were served as the first woman elected by Indiana Republicans to the U.S. House of Representatives.

New signs have been ordered for the lake area, but it is estimated that it would take four or five months to receive aid in Myers' office said that it is planned to include some reference to the Mansfield designation such as "formerly Mansfield."

The original announcement of the proposed name change brought a storm of protest from Parke County residents. An opinion survey was run in the Rockville newspapers and a total of 973 ballots were returned. Of those, 969 voted against any change and only four thought the area should be renamed.

In addition to the newspaper ballots, several petitions were brought in with a total of 271 signatures protesting the change. Results of the balloting were sent to Myers' office and other representatives involved with the bill as well.

Myers said in 1973 he was "amazed at the outcome of the survey," but that "the proposal will in no way affect the name of Raccoon Lake State Park, but is only directed toward the federally built lake."

Myers said Mansfield "was chosen for this honor since the project would not have been possible without her (Mrs. Harden) persistent and diligent efforts." He added that he hoped by commemorating Mrs. Harden's public service "we provide a steady reminder of what can be accomplished in public life."

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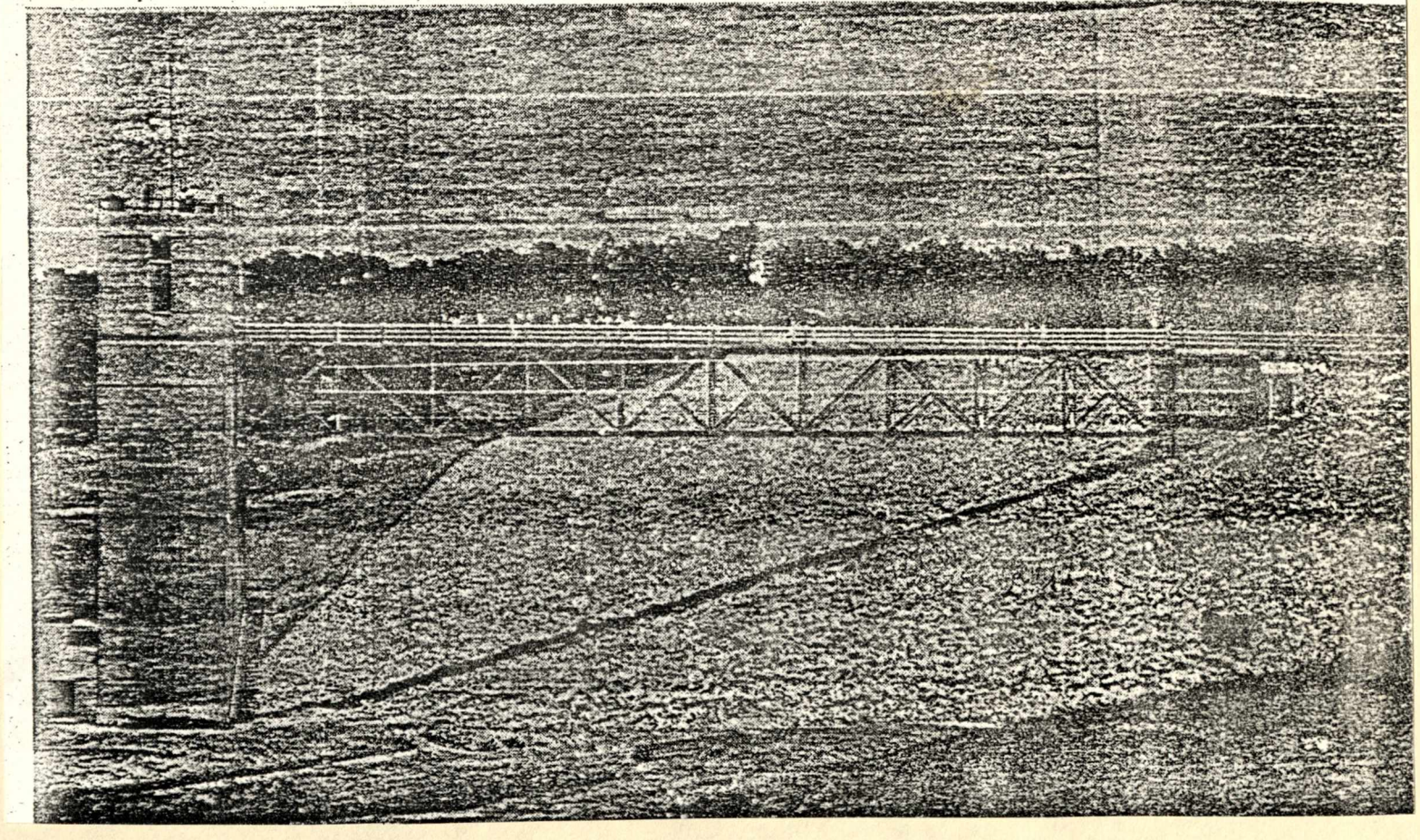

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Parke county's $6,300,000 Mansfield dam and reservoir were dedicated, Monday afternoon by Governor Harold Handley at a ceremony at the dam attended by close to 1,000 local citizens.

Before the dedication, the Parke County REMC served a luncheon to 135 visiting dignitaries and local citizens. Lt. Gov. Crawford Parker, who could not attend the dedication, was introduced and spoke briefly at the luncheon program.

Robert Kellum, secretary of the Indiana Flood Control and Water Resources Commission was master of ceremonies at the luncheon and dedication programs. Reuben Dooley, manager of the REMC, acknowledged the thanks of the luncheon guests with a short speech.

A speakers stand was erected in the front yard of one of the houses for the maintenance engineer at the west foot of the dam. The Rockville school band played a half-hour concert preceding the speaking program.

Tony Hulman, chairman of the commission, was the first speaker and he was followed by two of the Army engineers. Former Congresswoman Cecil Harden expressed her satisfaction on completion of this project for which she was chiefly responsible in getting for Parke county. Congressman Fred Wampler spoke, as did Congressman Michael J. Kirwan of Ohio, who said this reservoir was the finest he had ever seen. Local speakers were Mrs. Chauncey Baldwin and Lawrence Bradburn and Parke county folks were proud of being so well represented on this program.

Gov Handley said in part:

"Dedication of Mansfield Reservoir marks another important milestone in the advancement of water resources project that will mean so much to the future generations. Few of us attending this program grasp the significance of this project as a symbol of growth for the entire economy. It represents years of careful planning and engineering. It is the first of several reservoirs contemplated by the Indiana Flood Control and Water Resources Commission and by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers. It is the second project of its kind in this state, the first being Cagles-Cataract Reservoir in the White river basin. It is truly a multiple-purpose accomplishment. While its flood control benefits will be extensive, there are recreational opportunities in this scenic Raccoon creek location that will equal or surpass those at Cataract. It is the state's job to make certain that these facilities are installed properly and I hope the next General Assembly will see that funds are made available at least to start such a program here.

"At this time I want to compliment the residents of Parke county for their foresight in preparing zoning regulations which will help to assure the best quality construction in the general area of the reservoir. I know my friend Reuben Dooley of Rockville had a prominent part in this preparation for the right kind of protection for the section near the new lake—when it is formed by the waters as the gates in this control tower are placed in full operation. It is good to see such action at the local level."

There will be no water in the reservoir until next summer, as water cannot be impounded until work on the new bridge and relocation of US 36 will not be completed for some time.